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SUBJ: EUR REGIONAL CONSULAR CONFERENCE

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1. CONSUL GENERAL WILLIAM D. MORGAN WILL REPRESENT
PARIS AT SOUTHERN TIER PORTION OF CONSULAR CONFERENCE,
APRIL 24-28.

2. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING TOPICS (SOME ALREADY
ADVANCED BY OTHER POSTS) FOR DISCUSSION:
(A) POLICY OF ISSUING REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS FOR
FULL FIVE YEAR VALIDITY APPEARS IN LONG TERM TO
OFFER INCREASING OPPORTUNITY FOR PASSPORT FRAUD.
WE APPRECIATE REASONS FOR THIS POLICY BUT WONDER IF
THERE IS NOT A MIDDLE WAY FOR SUCH ISSUANCES.
(B) WHAT IS CURRENT AND FUTURE CAPACITY OF PASSPORT
OFFICE TO RESPOND RAPIDLY TO TELEGRAPHIC REQUESTS
FOR VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY IN
LOST/STOLEN PPTS SITUATIONS WHEN CONOFF IN REASONABLE
DOUBT?

(C) NEED FOR CLEARER GUIDELINES FOR ISSUANCE OF
SECOND OR EVEN THIRD PPT TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN
WHO TRAVEL SO EXTENSIVELY THAT ONE PPT IS ALMOST
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CONSTANTLY MAKING ROUNDS OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES
FOR VISA PURPOSES WHILE BUSINESSMAN TRAVELS ON
ANOTHER ONE.

(D) CLARIFICATION OF COLLECTION OF FEES AFTER DUTY
HOURS, ITEM 93 TARIFF OF FEES (INCLUDING VISAS).

(E) TAKING DEPOSITIONS IS MAJOR BURDEN ON CONOFFS
DURING TOURIST SEASON. CAN WE DISCUSS OPTIONAL

WAYS OF EVIDENCE TAKING THAT WILL NOT INVOLVE
CONOFF, I.E. COMMISSIONED PERSON, LETTERS ROGATORY,
AFFIDAVIT IN LIEU OF INTERROGATORIES?

(F) DEVELOPMENTS IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON
OVERSEAS VOTING PROCEDURES (SEE 77 STATE 53243).

(G) QUESTION OF WELFARE AND PROTECTION AND
EXTRADITION FUNCTIONS AT POSTS (LIKE PARIS AND
ROME) WHERE BOTH FUNCTIONS IN CONSULAR SECTION.

(H) IMPACT OF CHEAP STAND-BY AIRFARES ON CONSULAR
WORKLOAD OF WESTERN EUROPEAN POSTS.

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